



# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY



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## Hearing Waived By Defendant In Case Of House Breaking

### Eighteen Cases Before Recorder Court Judge On Tuesday

A probable cause hearing, on a charge of breaking and entering, was waived in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning by William Boyd, youthful prisoner of the Gatesville Prison Camp, and the case was moved up for trial at the April term of Superior Court. Boyd was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens, and charged with breaking and entering the home of William Beamon, colored resident of Route 17, south of Hertford.

John Cambria, Taber Croll and Stanley Hornstine entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

Darrell O'Dell was fined \$10 and costs of court after submitting to a charge of speeding.

William Payton, Negro, was ordered to pay one-half the court costs after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of assault.

Ernest Brown, charged with escaping from a road gang, was given a 60 day suspended sentence upon condition he not attempt to escape again.

Robert Boyd, Abraham Herman, Joe Hollowell, Jr., and William Downs, charged with driving trucks loaded over the weight limit, each entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Benjamin Nixon, Negro, charged with failing to observe a stop sign, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Hattie Harvey, Negro, was taxed \$25 and costs on a charge of driving without a license, and Milton Harvey, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of permitting operation of a car by an unlicensed person.

A fine of \$5 and costs were taxed against Carl Neal, Negro, who was found guilty on a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Madison Boone, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

A 30 day road sentence was invoked on Willard Banks, Negro, found guilty on three counts, being drunk, assault, and trespass. An additional 60 day sentence was suspended upon condition Banks not be found in Perquimans County for a period of two years.

A \$25 bond, posted by Donald Pratt, was ordered forfeited when Pratt failed to appear in court to answer a charge of speeding.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Two Communist planes shot down an American jet over the American zone in Germany last Tuesday. The U. S. plane was on a routine flight not far from the Czech border when it was fired on by two Russian MiGs. The American pilot parachuted to safety but the jet was destroyed. Commissioner James Conant has registered a strong protest to the Soviet regarding this violation of the U. S. Zone border.

The lower House of Congress voted Tuesday to make Hawaii the 49th state in the Union. The vote was 274 to 138. The measure will now go to the Senate for further action. Washington reports indicate favorable action by the Senate, despite some opposition to the measure because the bill does not include Alaska for consideration in becoming a state.

A dock fire in Wilmington early this week resulted in property loss estimated between 10 and 30 millions of dollars. River-front warehouses went up in flames, while firemen battled the blaze, to keep it from spreading to the main business district. The fire started in a warehouse containing nitrate of soda, which exploded scattering flames to other buildings.

## To Organize Ground Observer Corps Here

Reactivation of a ground observer corps, for the observation post at Hertford is now underway, it was reported today by J. S. Vick, who has been requested to serve as chief of the post, and to recruit all qualified observers, who have had training; also those who are willing to be instructed, and who want to help their country in time of war. Boy and Girl Scouts, 14 years of age or over are eligible for joining the corps.

All who will volunteer to help are asked to contact J. S. Vick, phone 2291, or see him at his home at 124 Church Street.



WAC CORPORAL ROCKET, shown riding atop the nose of the German V-2, took off on its own when the V-2 neared its maximum height and soared to a record altitude—250 miles above the earth.

## Town Board Authorizes Construction Of New Power Line To Major-Loomis Co.

### Commissioners Visit Local Town Plant On Inspection Trip

Hertford's Town Board, meeting here in regular session last Monday night authorized the expenditure of between \$1,800 and \$2,000 for the construction of a new electric power line to serve the Major-Loomis Company, and other electric customers in the adjacent area. The action came following a consultation between Town officials and officers of the Major Loomis Company, which disclosed the local firm, planning a modernization program at its mill, will require a greater amount of electric power than it has used in the past. It is proposed to build the new line parallel to the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, leading from the town plant to the Major-Loomis Company.

At a request presented by Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee, the Board voted to pay 25 per cent of the fuel bill for the Perquimans Library.

George Fields, representing the Hertford Jaycees, appeared before the Board and explained the Jaycee project for purchasing an activity bus for Perquimans County white schools. He pointed out the plan for raising funds for this project and discussed the matter with the Board. No action was taken by the Commissioners regarding a contribution to the fund.

Willie Winslow, W. C. Stroud and W. R. Privott, representing the Negro Baptist Church presented a petition to the Board requesting curb and gutters be installed on Hyde Park Street and the street be resurfaced. This group was advised this project has already been approved and is on the list of improvements scheduled by the Town.

At the close of their meeting, the Commissioners visited the Town Plant to inspect recent renovations to this property. A thorough clean-up job has been done on the plant, and individuals who have not seen the property in recent months would hardly recognize the newly painted, clean appearance of the facilities.

A new chlorinator has been installed in connection with the water system, and this installation has improved the method of water treatment at the plant.

Residents of the community are invited to visit the plant and inspect the new arrangement.

## Winfall To Lead PTA Program Monday

The PTA of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will meet Monday night, March 16, at 7:30 o'clock. The Winfall community with Mrs. Claude White as chairman will have charge of the program.

Mrs. J. L. DeLaney will conduct the devotional. This will be followed by special music by a group of men from the Winfall community.

The topic for March is "Future World Citizenship." Miss Pearl White, who spent the summer in Europe, and Sam A. Hourmouzis, a native of Greece will speak on their impressions of a foreign land.

A film, "Safety on the Bus", will conclude the program.

Mrs. Claude White, with the assistance of Mrs. Edgar Lane, has arranged a very interesting program. All members of the PTA are urged to attend and interested patrons of the school are cordially invited.

### MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 in the lodge hall. All Masons are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended visiting Masons.

## Easter Holiday Dates For Schools

Perquimans County school children will get one additional day for Easter this year, according to J. T. Biggers, School Superintendent. Schools will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6.

Granting of additional time to the Easter holiday, was permitted due to the short holiday had at Christmas, according to Mr. Biggers, who reported the present school schedule is arranged to permit closing of the 1953 term during the last week in May.

## Fifty Nine Students Listed On High School Honor Roll

Fifty nine students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school honor roll for the fourth grading period, which closed last Friday, it was reported Monday by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The eighth grade, with 15 students, led all other classes with the greatest number of pupils winning scholastic honors.

Students making honor grades were:

Eighth Grade—Earls Dunsmoor, Charles Johnson, Mable Frances Keel, Jo Ann Matthews, Edward Lee Madree, Pat Harrell, C. B. Chappell, Sandy Divers, Joyce Kirby, Edgar Fields, Charles Whedbee, Ann Jordan Shelby Overton, Lillian Ann Hoffer, Ola Jane Winslow.

Ninth Grade—Nancy Bagley, Wallace Baker, Judy Winslow, LaClair Winslow, Janice Stallings, Ann White, Lois Violet Winslow, Sarah Sutton, Bobby Matthews.

Tenth Grade—Ray Lane, Joseph Layden, Billie Carol Divers, Julia Ann Stokes, Emily White, Joseph Butt, Patricia Biggers, Barbara Edwards, Mary Frances Eure, Peggy Harrell, Lois Jane Kirby, Joan Madree, Ann Thatch, Joanna Willford.

Eleventh Grade—Tilson Chappell, Hudson Fisher, Leo Dail, Mildred Lewis, Ann Stallings, John Morris, Linda Bergeron, Jean Butk.

Twelfth Grade—Fred Matthews, Marilyn Baker, Emily Ann Hall, Nan Ella White, Janice Boyce, Jean Meads, Nina Jane Chappell, Glenda Lane, Kay Stanton, Hazel Trueblood, Dorothy Winslow, Mable Martin Whedbee, Mollie Lu Yeates.

## Community House Pride Of HD Club

Women of the Belvedere Home Demonstration Club are still working to improve the Community House. Last year the kitchen was greatly improved when cabinets were built, a linoleum floor covering was laid, an electric stove and refrigerator were installed, and also running water was installed. In the auditorium of the building, an oil burner was added to make the room more homelike.

This year, the president, Mrs. Claude Winslow, and the treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., both being capable seamstresses are adding draperies across the front of the stage. They hope to have this job done within a few days.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Elmore are the proud parents of a little girl, born at Chowan Hospital March 9.

## Move To Correct Peanut Storage Situation In County

### Farm Bureau Committee To Make Survey Of Facilities

Definite steps to do something about the lack of adequate storage space for peanuts, one of the principal money crops in this county and section will be the aim of a five-man committee, appointed at a special meeting of the Perquimans Farm Bureau, held at the Agriculture Building last week.

Peanut producers of 32 counties of the State acted last Thursday to perfect a Peanut Growers Association, and it is to be expected part of this program will have to do with storage facilities for the crop.

Serving on the storage committee for Perquimans County are Jacob L. White, R. M. Riddick, Floyd Matthews, Milton Dail, Sr., and I. C. Yagel. It is understood this committee will make a survey of existing facilities for peanut storage and recommend action to the Farm Bureau.

In a letter to farm bureau leaders from R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., it was suggested that "this storage committee should make a complete survey in the county for the purpose of determining existing available storage for peanuts, whether or not any additional storage could be obtained, and if the survey indicates that the storage problem cannot be adequately met by existing facilities, what recommendations are offered in order to make sure that adequate storage is provided.

"This action is necessary," Mr. Shaw said, "in order to make sure that the peanut growers will have sufficient storage space to store their peanuts and take full advantage of the existing loan program when the peanuts are ready for storage this fall."

## Over 40% U. S. Farms Now Have Telephone

About 17.2 per cent of the farms in the South Atlantic States—North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Florida, Delaware, Georgia and Florida—had telephones on July 1, according to data from an annual survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Only in the East South Central States—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi—was the proportion of farms with telephones lower than in the South Atlantic States.

In the other regions of the United States the percentage of farms having telephones ranges from 23.9 in the West South Central States to 74.3 per cent in New England.

About 40.3 per cent of all farms in the Nation had phones on July 1, 1952. This is an increase of one-half of one per cent over a year earlier and 2.1 per cent above the 1950 Census figure. Although a greater percentage of American farms now have telephones than ever before, the number of farms with telephone service in 1952 was about 300,000 less than in 1920 when 2,498,500 or 38.7 per cent of all farms had telephones.

The increase in the proportion of farms with telephones during the past few years has been fairly consistent throughout the United States. In the South Atlantic States (including North Carolina) the proportion of farms having telephones increased 6.2 per cent from 1945 to 1952. During the same period, other regions increased from 5.3 per cent to 17.3 per cent with a total increase of 8.5 per cent in the Nation.

## Five Fire Calls During Week-end

Hertford's Fire Department had a busy week-end, receiving no less than five fire calls between Thursday of last week and Monday afternoon. Reversing the usual trend of the past several months, four of these fires were inside the town limits while the other call came from Woodville.

Three over-heated chimneys, and an overheated oil stove resulted in the four fire calls in Hertford, and it was reported no damage was sustained from the incidents.

The department was called to Woodville Monday afternoon to aid in putting out a fire in the Wood Apartments. The blaze in this building, it was reported caused damages, estimated at \$200.

## Winfall Residents Seek Release From Present Source Of Electric Power

### Board In Special Meeting On Monday

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and Tax Supervisor will meet in the Court House on Monday, March 16, as a Board of Equalization and Review, to handle matters pertaining to the 1953 tax valuation of property in this county.

Persons who desire to register complaints or ask for adjustments in their property valuation are urged to be present for this meeting, as it will be difficult to secure corrections, even if they are deemed justifiable, after the commissioners adjourn as a board of equalization.

The meeting next Monday will open at 10 A. M.

## Radar Speed Check Equipment Tested By Patrolmen

State Highway Patrolmen now have new radar equipment for checking speed of motorists on highways in this area.

Local police and court officials were given a preview operation of this equipment, commonly called "the whammy", last Tuesday afternoon on U. S. 17 about three miles south of Hertford. Corporal Roland Tripp and Patrolmen B. R. Incoe and Mack Rogerson handled the operations of the equipment, giving demonstrations in patrol cars, the speed of which was checked against the registering device of the radar machine.

Passing motorists also provided checks of the equipment, as the machine accurately revealed the speed of each passing vehicle. The checking device is so equipped that it checks vehicles traveling in either direction from the control car.

The equipment is simple enough to inspect, it consists of a little black box, placed on the fender of the control car, and this small gadget sends out radar waves, which bounce back to the box as the waves hit an approaching object . . . these waves are transmitted to a transformer, which in turn regulates a speedometer, also attached to the transformer.

Officially known as Radar Speed Checking Equipment, the whammy is now in operation in all districts of the state, and a word to those motorists inclined to have a heavy foot is to beware of the little black box . . . it sure checks your speed, so much so, there is no reasonable doubt.

## Baseball Practice Started By Indians

Baseball practice for the 1953 season was started at Perquimans High School last week, it was reported by Coach Ellie Fearing. The prospects for the local team, State Champions of 1952, appear bright according to Coach Fearing, but he stated it is still too early to predict the roster for the team or how it will shape up in competition.

Pitching assignments are expected to fall to Vernon White, ace southpaw of last season's squad, and Paul Matthews, a right-hander, who has shown much promise as a hurler.

A schedule of games for the season is now being arranged and this schedule, which will be a part of the State play-off for the 1953 championship, will be announced as soon as it is completed. The school officials hope to play some night games again this year, with the weather permitting.

## Counties Join Forces In Fight Against TB

To more effectively accomplish their common objective in combatting tuberculosis, organizations in Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Camden counties have joined forces to perfect a district tuberculosis association.

To carry on the program will require an annual budget of \$8,469, which includes the service of an executive secretary, Mrs. Duke Cropsey, of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Cropsey has been employed by the Pasquotank Association and is an experienced and trained worker. She will devote her time to the four counties giving her services according to the population. She will, in her work, serve as a case finder and conduct an educational program, working in close cooperation with the local Health Department.

Perquimans County's portion of the annual budget for the association has been set at \$1,440.15.

## Hertford Board Asked To Release Area Or Offer Lower Rates

Residents of the Town of Winfall, who for the past 35 years have received electric power through the Town of Hertford, are now seeking release from the present supplier, it was learned during a meeting held here Tuesday night between members of the Boards of Commissioners for the two towns.

Meeting with the Hertford Board were Nathan Mathews, Mayor of Winfall, and Commissioners D. L. Barber, Charlie Umphlett and Fred Winslow. Mr. Barber advised the Hertford Board, residents of Winfall, in a town meeting, had requested the Winfall Board to act for them in securing a release from the present operation. He stated they desired to purchase power from another source.

Later, in the meeting the Winfall Commissioners pointed out that the Winfall residents had two complaints concerning Hertford as supplier of electric power; one being poor service and the other being high rates.

While no definite action was taken during the meeting concerning the petition for release, the Winfall Board was advised that the matter will be considered by the Hertford Board at its next meeting.

The Hertford Board was requested also, to give Winfall a contract for the supply of electric power, at rates offered in this area by the REA. It was then pointed out the base residential rate given by the Town of Hertford was less than that of the REA.

Mayor V. N. Darden advised the Winfall group of plans for immediate installation of a new power line into that area, which will solve the service complaint registered by the Winfall residents.

The Winfall Board reported that its long range plan was to get into the utility business itself, in the manner now used by the Town of Hertford, purchasing power from a supplier and reselling it to residents of the town.

The meeting Tuesday night was adjourned without definite action, it being the purpose of the meeting for the two boards to explain their position on the problem.

## BPW Club Revue To Be Presented On Friday, March 20

The "Gay Nineties Revue," sponsored by the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce, will be presented in two parts Friday night, March 20, at the Perquimans County High School auditorium with Mrs. Ralph White, pianist; Francis Nixon, announcer; Mrs. Alice M. Towne and Mrs. Grace Coston, dialogue. The first act will be "Gay Nineties Songs in Costume". The second act will consist of songs and dances "Through the Years".

Special features will be the following: Old fashioned parlor organ solo, Mrs. Lade Copeland Elliott; Electric Hammond Organ solo, R. S. Monks, Jr.; piano solo, Cliff Towne, the added attractions; Vocal soloists: Mrs. Mary Lucille Johnson Mrs. Kathryn Jessup Ward, Mrs. Barbara N. Fearing, Mrs. Georgia B. Perry, Mrs. Joann T. Kirby Misses Ruth Tucker, Shelby Overton and Shirley Ann Tarkenton; Songs dances, and acrobatics, the Five Keel Sisters, Patricia, Sandra, Jean, Jane and Mable and Little Martha Ann Ward; Waitzes: Mr. and Mrs. Hank Christgau, Mrs. Jean Newbold Griffin and James Divers; The Burlesque Girls: Mrs. Lizzie Lee Cox, Mrs. Margaret Lane, Mrs. Irene Byrum, Mrs. Tallu Chappell and Mrs. Shirley Tarkenton with Mrs. Lade Elliott, accompanist; Old-fashioned swim suit models: Mrs. Mary Thad Drake, Mrs. Jean N. Griffin, Mrs. Polly C. Hollowell and Mrs. Georgia B. Perry; Unique Chorus: Mrs. Letitia B. Perry, Ann Burke Chappell, Katherine Alice Nixon, Margaret Ann Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nixon, Charles Skinner, Jr., Billy White, Edgar White, Wayne White and Charlie Johnson.

Tickets are on sale and may be secured from any club member.

### HEADS CLASS

Pvt. Joseph O. Evans, son of Mrs. Fred Evans, gets his field wireman's degree next week at the graduation exercise in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His average being 93, the highest in his class. He was inducted in the Army last November.